

# THE MESSAGE

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## FOR COUNTY OFFICE.

The Message is authorized to announce the following as candidates for County Office, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the State Primary, Tuesday, August 4, 1914:

### County Clerk

Ross B. Cauthorn.

### County Collector

Omer Dickerson.

C. T. Powell.

## HON. CHAMP CLARK

Comment on the repeal of the Panama tolls for our coastwise vessels, the present all-absorbing measure before Congress, continues to occupy the public mind. Thru it all we must remember that Champ Clark, fully as much as any man, thru years of experience, has knowledge and insight into political and commercial situations both national and international. It therefore follows that he should have well grounded convictions as to that which would best promote the public welfare. That his convictions differ from those of President Wilson is no reason he should keep silent or be charged with an effort to oppose the administration.

It was our good pleasure to attend the great political rally at the Coliseum in St. Louis just after Wilson's nomination, and surely no one who witnessed the bearing and observed the tact shown by our Champ Clark there could think he would ever say or do one thing to create dissatisfaction in the party.

To be President of the United States, the greatest of nations, is the biggest thing on this big round earth, and Champ Clark wanted it, yet he could say to that vast and enthusiastic throng in St. Louis that he was ready to work for the interests of the party and support the nominee. His attitude from that time has been to work for harmony. Because he can not endorse a measure, the passing of which is being hurried thru Congress, shall he be accused of trying to create a disruption?

Let us be charitable and patient. Let us study this big question with Mr. Clark. We'll likely agree with him, at last, that the issue at hand has two big sides to it.

Hospital Tag Day at the Big Horse Show tomorrow. Buy a tag and pay your own price.

## Makes A Fellow

Feel like going fishing these warm days. We can't go, but we want to sell the fishing tackle to the fellow that can. You will soon be ready for Refrigerators and Oil Stoves. We have something good in both lines.

**L. Roy Ferris**

Omar Dickerson is announced in this issue of the Message as a candidate for County Collector, subject to the action of the State Primary, August 4, 1914.

The Message received a large supply of Champ Clark's garden seeds last week for free distribution. Come in and get a supply, or write in your order.

Ross B. Cauthorn announces thru the Message this week as a candidate for County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

Attention is called to the announcement of C. T. Powell for County Collector in this issue of the Message, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the State Primary, Tuesday, August 4, 1914.

Ralls county, under the local option law, fined a bootlegger \$1,800 a few days ago. If the bootleggers are determined to sell and the fines pile up it may prove better for the several counties than high license.

The county court of Ralls has bought 100 road drags and will distribute them among the districts of the county. A dirt road is the best in the world when you get it fixed and keep it fixed, and the drag is the tool to do it with.

The Boy Scouts on Clean-up and Paint-up Day in Mexico, are promising to do their part well. They will keep a record of exposed manure piles where flies breed, and maybe you better anticipate them and get the manure out of the way right away.

Mrs. X. P. Ball surprised her husband with a splendid birthday dinner March 29. Those who shared the pleasures of the day as well as the dinner were: Mrs. Rosa Jones and family, B. F. Miller and wife and J. J. Wood and wife.

## FARBER ITEMS.

Farber, Mo., March 31.—Rev. McDonald of Vandalia preached two interesting sermons at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Artie Lee and wife and little daughter, Katie, of Vandalia spent Sunday with Farber friends.

Miss Florence Kirkpatrick visited Miss Emma Sutton at Vandalia Saturday and attended the teachers' meeting.

Geo. Schultz and wife left Sunday for St. Louis, where they expect to make their future home.

G. W. Chase, who spent the winter in Florida returned home Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Crow had dental work done at Vandalia Saturday.

E. R. Taft of Mexico was in Farber Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Smith of Lewis county arrived first of the week to visit her parents, M. R. K. Biggs and wife.

Charles Strong and wife are expected here April first. Mr. Strong will be section foreman. These are good people and we welcome them to Farber.

Miss Lottie Boulden is spending a few days with friends in the country.

Our March sale was in many respects a success, but owing to the continued bad roads and in order that our country friends may still have an opportunity, we will continue the sale for 10 or 15 days longer. Our customers testify to the many bargains and we will try to make the prices just as attractive as in previous sale.

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## Card of Thanks.

We sincerely desire to thank our many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our father, M. C. Flynt. May God's blessing richly reward each one.

The Family.

## A PRETENDER.

Impersonates John McClanahan, Dead 43 Years.

John McClanahan, a Union soldier, died in Mexico about 43 years ago. He left a widow and is now the wife of the Sheriff of Cole county, Mo., who before her marriage to McClanahan was Miss Elizabeth Wiggs. Mr. McClanahan's body lies buried in the Old Cemetery in this city and the grave has the Government marker. J. B. Botkin of this city, also a Union soldier and who knew McClanahan well and who chummed and neighbored with him, remembers attending the burial and paying his respects, and Mrs. Botkin, too, then 9 years old, also remembers the death and burial. Joe Pratt here, a brother of Mrs. Botkin, also remembers all these things.

And hereby hangs a tale. A man up near Sturgeon has been impersonating McClanahan, claimed that he was the identical John McClanahan, and some time ago applied to Uncle Sam for a pension. The Government made an investigation, as it always does when a pension is applied for. Some things were uncovered that aroused suspicion.

A special officer was sent here to learn the truth about the matter. He first went to Jefferson City, where he met the former widow of McClanahan. She referred him to Mr. Pratt and Mr. Botkin and Mrs. Botkin here and got their story. Then about two weeks since these three were summoned to Jefferson City as witnesses in the case before the Federal Grand Jury. "John McClanahan," The Pretender, was not present, but was reported to have made a hasty trip to St. Louis. The Government now wants to find him. He will never get to spend any pension money and may have to spend a long term in a Federal prison.

Moral: Don't fool with Uncle Sam; it's sometimes worse than a buzz saw.

## A FIRE LOSS.

Harry Owen lost his tailoring shop by fire last Thursday afternoon. The fire was caused by a gasoline explosion, it is thought. The kitchen in Frank Pimpel's restaurant adjacent was also badly damaged. The large brick building just north, owned by Mrs. Moses Mayfield, occupied by W. J. Porowsky's bowling alley, was seriously threatened, for a while, but the prompt arrival of the fire department saved the day. Mr. Owen's loss is about \$400; insured for \$250.

Dr. W. H. Hickman, Osteopathic Physician, Pasqueth Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griffie of this city are enjoying a visit at San Antonio, Texas.

## Good Fences

Attract Attention. Notice the Peerless woven wire as you drive along the road. It always looks good, it stands the expansion and contraction of the heat and cold better than any other fence built, is always tight if the corner posts remain solid. Build fence now, don't wait till cropping time. Call and see me for styles and prices.

**J. W. DRY**

## NORTH MOLINO.

Some of the farmers are thru sowing oats. Others just beginning, owing to the location of the land.

Mrs. M. M. Henderson and Mrs. Almer Munday were shopping in Mexico last Thursday.

Mrs. Ashby Botts remains ill. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Roberts, March 24, a daughter.

Mrs. P. R. Cawthorn and son, Paul, visited Mrs. Cawthorn's daughter, Mrs. Clyde Sharp, southeast of Mexico, last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Clay Berry and grandson, Marion Barnes, visited Mrs. B's daughter, Mrs. Anna Lipp, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Felix Martin, Mrs. Cecil Creed and Mrs. P. R. Cawthorn have their incubators setting.

Mrs. Chal Blum and Arthur Worley are both suffering with rheumatism.

Mrs. Clapper, a sister of Mr. Bob Head, is very ill with cancer on her face.

## OAKLAND STOCK FARM.

Farmers busy sowing oats. Quite a large acreage will be sown. Some gardens have been made.

Mrs. C. A. Hopkins and son, Landon, have been out on the farm putting in the oat crop.

J. M. Dyson came up from Santa Fe to visit relatives and friends here last week.

Barnett T. Sneed's wife died in Portland, Oregon, the 19th of February. Barnett's father, N. T. Sneed, is a brother of Mrs. Frank Harris and Mrs. Gus Dilard. He is well known here.

Mrs. Blakey, whose husband was once on the Mexico circuit, is in Moberly at the hospital. She had an operation performed. We wish her a speedy recovery.

C. A. Hopkins' family will move to the farm this week. Stanley will stay with his father and go to school in Mexico until the close.

F. T. Harris and wife went to Mexico to church and took dinner with Eugene Dyson the 22nd and with Cliff Harris the 29th.

Geo. E. LaForce lost the end off one of his fingers the other day. Caught the finger between a tight rope and a cow's horn.

## THOMPSON ITEMS.

Thompson, Mo., March 31.—Plenty of rain and mud at present but the grass is growing fine.

Will Riggs and wife visited the latter's parents, J. L. Smith and wife of Mexico Saturday and Sunday.

Thos. Brenton and family visited Roth Day and family Sunday.

Miss Lela Davis entertained the young folks Monday night with a party.

The patrons of this vicinity attended the meeting of the Gant Telephone Co. at Gant Monday. They elected J. B. Nevins as their switchboard operator for the coming year.

R. L. Davis sold his farm to Claude Sansberry for \$5,000. Mr. Davis will have his sale next week and will move to California.

Geo. Mayes who left this place two weeks ago with his family for Montana to make that their home arrived in Centralia, Saturday, thinking more of Missouri than ever. They all come back.

## WANT ITEMS.

(Notices under this head 5 cents per line per issue. Count 6 words to the line.)

Old papers for sale at Message office.

FOR RENT—Well improved 140 acre farm, cash or bankable note. Adams & Son.

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For Sale.—Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching, 15 for 50 cents. Mrs. W. W. Cornett, Laddonia, Mo.

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Capt. N. Dix, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Audrain county, Missouri, bearing date of the 23rd day of March 1914. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

Mary Dix, Executrix.

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## Mr. Simons Dead.

Peter Franklin Simons 51 years old, died at his home at Auxvasse last Monday. He formerly lived in Mexico and the body was brought here for burial. Rev. J. D. Greer of Mexico held funeral services at Auxvasse and also conducted a short service at the grave here. The wife survives him besides the following children: Mrs. Otis Bernard of Rush Hill, and Lucile, Henry and Guy Simons of Auxvasse.

## Mr. Parsons Dead.

Ward Parsons, about 38 years old, died at the home of his mother in this city Tuesday night of pneumonia. Besides the mother a half-sister survives him, Mrs. W. A. Umbarger, of Springfield, Mo. The funeral and burial will be at New Florence today.

The Centralia Guard says: John W. Rutter and family will move to Mexico about the middle of next month. Mr. Rutter has purchased the Gibson feed store and residence in that city. Miss Vera will finish in the High School next year and will then enter Hardin College. We regret to see this most excellent family leave Centralia and take great pleasure in commending them to the good people of Mexico.

Miss Isabelle Craddock arrived home a few days ago from the hospital in Chicago where she underwent an operation for a throat trouble. She is very much improved.

## LIBRARY OPENING

Reception and Speech-Making—New Building Thronged.

Mexico's new Carnegie library building was opened to the general public for the first time last Monday afternoon and night. The various schools thronged the building in the afternoon, when Mrs. J. W. Million had charge. At night J. P. Llewellyn, president of the library board, had charge. Mr. Llewellyn started the movement which resulted in the building of the library, and, on this occasion, he made the address of dedication, a most pleasing and instructive talk. R. M. White, editor of the Evening Ledger, also made a fitting and pleasing address, as also did Mrs. J. W. Million. Music and readings were other features of the evening's program.

## SANTA FE ITEMS.

Intended for last week. Santa Fe, Mo., March 23.—Dall Hanger hauled corn from Mexico Saturday.

A few warm days and the farmers will be sowing oats. Born, to Will Davis and wife, Friday, March 20th, a son.

Rev. Andrews of Columbia filled his regular appointment at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

A boy and girl, twin babies, were born to Jim Crump and wife March 19th.

Misses Lena and Marcell Crump of Victor spent Wednesday evening and Thursday with Mrs. Seabee and family.

Bert Meranda is very ill. He has tuberculosis of the bone, one of his limbs.

Homer Bridgford and wife have a new daughter, born March 23rd.

Charley Creigh is improving in health.

Hugh Hoar went to Kansas City last week and bought two carloads of cattle to feed.

## A GOOD MAN DEAD.

William J. Roach, who passed to his reward March 23, 1914, was born in Anderson county, Kentucky, in 1857. He came to Audrain county, Mo., in 1878, and made his home at Martinsburg, Mo. He married Miss Ida Clemens, to them were born seven children, six of whom are still living. Mr. Roach was converted and joined the Baptist church in Martinsburg, where quite a young man. He was a good, consistent church member, a loving husband, a devoted father, and a friendly neighbor. He made many friends wherever he went, and many hearts were saddened when they heard of his death. The world is better because William J. Roach lived and labored in it. A true man is gone from among us, but heaven is richer by his going.

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Wabash R. R., Mexico, Mo.